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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DAIGO ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/26/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In the specification, page 18 (lines 11 and 16), "FIG. 8" should be changed to --FIG. 9--.

On page 20, (lines 18 and 22), "Internet 103" should be changed to --Internet 101--.

Appropriate correction is required.
3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested:

IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE CONNECTED TO A NETWORK AND ADDING
INFORMATION ON THE NETWORK TO A PICKED UP IMAGE.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1-6, 16-19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 (line 6), claim 16 (line 5), "the network" should be changed to --a network--.

Claim 16 (line 9), "the server" should be changed to --the server unit--.

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Claim 18 (line 5), "image data" should be changed to --image data--.

Claims 2-6 are objected as being dependent on claim 1.

Claims 17-19 are objected as being dependent on claim 16.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 3, 7, 13, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ihara et al. (JP 2000-287184).

Regarding claim 1, Ihara discloses an image pickup device comprising:

an image pickup unit configured pick up an image of an object (CCD video camera 22, figures 1, 3, 4, paragraph [0059]);

an image storage unit configured to store the image which is picked up by the image pickup unit (VRAM 65, figure 8, paragraphs [0036], [0057], [0058]);

connection unit connectable to the network (Internet 92, figure 1, paragraph [0017]);

an address storage unit configured to store an address on the network (server 95, figure 1, paragraphs [0017], [0032]);

an information obtaining unit configured obtain information on the network based on the address stored the address storage unit (CPU 51 detects global 2D code, paragraph [0059]) ;

an adding unit configured to add the information obtained by the information obtaining unit the image stored the image storage unit (2D code is superimposed on image, paragraphs [0055], [0077]).

Regarding claim 3, Ihara discloses wherein the address storage unit stores a plurality of addresses (server 95, figure 1, paragraphs [0017], [0032]) and the information obtaining unit obtains the information on network based on the addresses stored in the address storage unit (paragraphs [0055], [0059]).

Regarding claim 7, Ihara discloses an image recording method comprising:

reading an address on a network (Internet 92, figure 1, paragraph [0017]) which is stored in an image pickup device (CCD video camera 22, figures 1, 3, 4, paragraph [0059]);

connecting the image pickup device to a site designated by the read address through the network (CCD video camera 22, which is included in personal computer 1, is connected to Internet 92, figure 1, paragraph [0017]);

obtaining information from the site through the network (CPU 51 detects global 2D code, paragraph [0059]);

adding the obtained information to a picked up image when the image pickup device stores the image (2D code is superimposed on image, paragraphs [0055], [0077]).

Regarding claim 13, Ihara discloses an image recording system comprising:

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an image recording unit connectable to a network and configured to record image data of an object (CCD video camera 22, which is included in personal computer 1, is connected to Internet 92, figure 1, paragraph [0017]);

server unit (server 95, figure 1, paragraphs [0017], [0032]) configured provide information through the network,

wherein the image recording unit adds the information obtained from the server unit through the network to the image data when the image recording unit records the image data (2D code is superimposed on image, paragraphs [0055], [0077]).

Regarding claim 16, Ihara discloses an image recording system comprising:

an image recording unit (personal computer 1, figures 1, 3, 4, paragraph [0059]) configured to record image data of an object;

server unit (server 95, figure 1, paragraphs [0017], [0032]) configured to provide information through the network;

a network access unit connected image recording unit and configured to be connected to the server unit through the network (Internet 92, figure 1, paragraph [0017]), obtain the information from the server through the network (CPU 51 detects global 2D code, paragraph [0059]), and transfer the obtained information to the image recording unit (paragraph [0046]),

wherein the image recording unit records transferred information association with recorded image data (2D code is superimposed on image, paragraphs [0055], [0077]).

Regarding claim 17, Ihara discloses the image recording unit records the transferred information in association with recorded image data based on an obtaining date of the transferred information and a pick-up date of the recorded image data (paragraph [0041]).

Regarding claim 18, Ihara discloses wherein the image recording unit records such information in association with recorded image data that has the obtaining date same as the pick-up date of the recorded image data (paragraph [0041]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 2, 8, 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ihara et al. (JP 2000-287184) in view of Nakamura (US 6,917,968).

Regarding claim 2, Ihara fails to specifically disclose a setting unit configured to set time interval at which the information obtaining unit obtains information on the network based on the address stored in the address storage unit.

However, Nakamura teaches a communication time interval setting unit 615 sets the time intervals at which variations information is transmitted to the WWW servers 700a (figure 9, column 12, lines 14-26). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device in order to set interval for transmitting

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different information. This allows the transmission of different information at different time interval.

Regarding claims 8, 14, Ihara fails to specifically disclose cyclically obtaining the information with a predetermined time interval.

However, Nakamura teaches a communication time interval setting unit 615 sets the time intervals at which variations information is transmitted to the WWW servers 700a (figure 9, column 12, lines 14-26). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device in Ihara by the teaching of Nakamura in order to set interval for transmitting different information. This allows the transmission of different information at different time interval.

Regarding claim 15, Nakamura discloses the predetermined time interval is determined for each information to be obtained based on a content of the information (column 12, lines 14-26).

9. Claims 4, 6, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ihara et al. (JP 2000-287184) in view of Quinn et al. (US 6,449,617).

Regarding claims 4, 6, 10, Ihara fails to specifically disclose a browser file creating unit configured to create a file having the image stored the image storage unit and information added to the image in a format which can be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

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However, Quinn et al. teaches software browsers and file in an application program used to create the HTML file while viewing the HTML file in a browser program (column 1, lines 5-10). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device in Ihara by the teaching of Quinn et al. in order to allow a user edits an electronic file (column 2, lines 60-63).

10. Claims 5, 9, 11, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ihara et al. (JP 2000-287184) in view of Nakamura (US 6,917,968) further in view of Quinn et al. (US 6,449,617).

Regarding claims 5, 9, 11, 12 Ihara fail and Nakamura fail to specifically disclose a browser file creating unit configured to create a file having the image stored the image storage unit and information added to the image in a format which can be browsed by a terminal accommodating a browser software.

However, Quinn et al. teaches software browsers and file in an application program used to create the HTML file while viewing the HTML file in a browser program (column 1, lines 5-10). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device in Ihara by the teaching of Quinn et al. in order to allow a user edits an electronic file (column 2, lines 60-63).

11. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ihara et al. (JP 2000-287184).

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Regarding claim 19, Ihara et al. fails to disclose wherein the image recording unit outputs the recorded image data and obtained information in a formed allowing be printed out at once. However, Ihara et al. discloses 2D code is superimposed on the image of a program (paragraph [0077]), and noted that they are stored in the personal computer 1 in a form of a file. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to connect the personal computer to a printer in order to print image data file.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Steinberg et al. (US 6,750,902) discloses camera network communication device.

Anabuki (US 6,091,518) discloses image transfer apparatus, image transmitter, profile information transmitter, image receiver/reproducer, storage medium, image receiver, program transmitter, and image color correction apparatus.

Mack et al. (US Patent Application 2002/0054115) discloses system for creating on a computer display screen composites images from diverse sources.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUONG T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7315. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM - 5:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID L. OMETZ can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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